

PATENT

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Amendment in Reply to Office Action mailed on July 8, 2008
and the Notice of Abandonment of February 9, 2009

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and
substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

A device records information in blocks having logical addresses at a physical address in a track on a record carrier. The logical addresses are translated into the physical addresses in dependence of defect management information, which includes defect entries indicating locations for replacing defective physical addresses. A read-only state of the record carrier is obtainable via a no-replacement state indicated by substantially none of the defect entries being free for use. The device has a read-only unit for setting the record carrier to the read-only state by reading original replacement information indicating a writable state, storing the original replacement information in a hidden area, and writing defect management information that is modified to the no-replacement state. The record carrier may be re-opened by retrieving the original replacement information from the hidden area.